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2005 FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Seasonal Fire Restrictions which were declared on July 22, 2005, were lifted effective at one minute after midnight on September 20, 2005.

The areas affected by the restrictions included all federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Winnemucca, Battle Mountain and Elko Field Offices and by the US Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Austin, Santa Rosa, Tonopah, Mountain City, Jarbidge, and Ruby Mountains Ranger Districts, US Fish & Wildlife Service Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by BIA Eastern Nevada Agency and Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Tribe; state and private lands within the Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, Eureka, Elko, Esmeralda and Nye County Fire Protection Districts; and portions of Washoe, Lyon, Churchill, and White Pine Counties.

"Even though fire restrictions have been lifted, federal and state land managers strongly urge all visitors to public lands and National Forest System lands to carry a shovel, one-to-five gallons of water, and a fire extinguisher," said Helen Hankins, BLM Elko Field Manager. "We're asking that people remain cautious with campfires and when driving in Nevada's backcountry."